

## BRACEGIRDLE OF WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS

ARMS:

CREST:

### Richard Bracegirdle of Wolverhampton, Staffs apothecary 1612-1677

[? c 13 Oct 1612 Wolverhampton *son of John Bracegirdle*]

m1 Elizabeth Merris

m2 Dorothy Chetwynd of Rugeley, Staffs; [? i 21 Apr 1657 Wolverhampton]

m3 Sarah Wightwick dau of Alexander Wightwick of Wightwick in Tettenhall, Staffs 1587-1659 QV; c 1 Sep 1622 Tettenhall; (of Tunstall); [? i 7 Jan 1659.60 Wolverhampton]

m4 Jane Jevon; (but had no chn); [? i 3 Mar 1690.1 Wolverhampton]

d 29 Mar 1677; i 31 Mar 1677 Wolverhampton; M.I. [below]; Will (PCC) 28 Mar 1677/ 26 May 1677 [below]

(pharmacist); (as Mr, 6 hearths, High Green Street) 1666 HT; (Benefactor, Wolverhampton [Grammar] School)

chn: [7 + 2 = 9]

[1] [7] [4 sons, 3 daus]

Richard Bracegirdle [1] i *as junior* 14 Jul 1676 Wolverhampton

Gervase Bracegirdle [2]

Henry Bracegirdle [3] b Wolverhampton; c 28 Dec 1643 Wolverhampton below

Elizabeth Bracegirdle [1] c 6 Dec 1645 Wolverhampton

Mary Bracegirdle [2] [? i 1 Jun 1654 Wolverhampton]

Ann Bracegirdle [3]

Thomas Bracegirdle [4]

[3] [2] [2 daus]

Sarah Bracegirdle [5] c 11 Sep 1658 Wolverhampton; m John Bearcroft of Shernock Court, Worcs (son of John Bearcroft of Mear Green, Worcs armiger

Ann Bracegirdle [6] d *in infancy*

*Ad pedes tabulae jacet sepult' Rich. Bracegirdle pharmacop. / Cujus peritia Therapeutica quem plurimis inclaruit / Maritus bonus bonusq. pater, subditus fidelis, qui / A Jesuitarum praestigijs et Fanaticorum insidijs aequae abhorruit / Ecclesiae Anglicanae adeo stabilis ut nomen gaij Gaij / E sacra pagina a Reverendo Decano Ryves merito accepit / Uxores duxit quatuor 1a Eliza Merris quae peperit / Richard'm, Gerv'm, Hen'm, Eliz'm, Mariam, Annam et Thomam / 2a. Dorothea Chetwynd de Rugely in agro Staff. / 3a. Sarah Wightwick de Tunstall parochiana / Ex qua suscepit filias Saram et Anna (a cunis humatam) / Sarah superstes nupsit Joh'm Bearcroft Gen. filium / Joha's Bearcroft de Meargreen in Com. Vigorn. Armig. / 4a Jana Jevon. / Henricus solus e septem supradictis superstes et haeres / E Coll. Mert. Oxon. L.L.B. et hujus Ecclesiae Sacrista / Hanc tabulam piaae patris Opt. memoriae / Pietatis ergd L.M.Q.D.D. Dedicatque / Obijt die Jov 29 Martij. sepult's die Satur. 31.º 1677. [This reading is not entirely accurate] [see SHAW II appendsix 18]*

*(28 Mar 1677) Richard Bracegirdle of Wolverhampton gent. ... unnamed wife ... dau Sarah if she marry with the consent of Francis Wightwick ... son Henry Bracegirdle [executor]*

### Henry Bracegirdle of Wolverhampton, Staffs clerk 1643-1703

b Wolverhampton; c 28 Dec 1643 Wolverhampton

unm.

d 9 Feb 1702.3 aged 60[sic]; i 12 Feb 1702.3 Wolverhampton; M.I. (St Peter, Wolverhampton) [SHAW II appendix 18]

(educ. Eton, K.S.) c1658-63; (aged 16[sic], on indenture for King's) 1662; (aged 18, matric. Merton, Oxford) 13 Nov 1663; (B.A.) 1667; (B.C.L. OR LL.B.) 1670; (Sacrist, St Peter, Wolverhampton) cNov 1677-d; (as a Staffordshire Land Tax Commissioner had an annual income from land of £100 or more) \*1702; ("solus ex his septem") (CHECK OLIVER 184) [1915]

The family of Bracegirdle appears to have been of some consequence in its day. Three mural tablets record the merits of as many members of this family; two of which are placed over the Sacrist's and readers' stalls, and the other is in the north aisle. The inscriptions are worthy of insertion here.

Ad pedes tabulae jacet sepult' Rich. Bracegirdle pharmacop.  
cujus peritia Therapeutica quem plurimis inclaruit  
Maritus bonus bonusque pater, subditus fidelis, qui  
a iesuitarum praestigijs et Fanaticorum insidijs aequae abhorruit  
Ecclesiae Anglicanae adeo stabilis ut nomen gaij Gaij  
e sacra pagina a Reverendo Decano Ryves merito accepit  
uxores duxit quatuor la Eliza Kerris/Merriis quae peperit  
Richard', Gerv', Hen', Eliz', Mariam, Annam et Thomam  
2a. Dorothea Chetwynd de Rugely in agro Staff.  
3a. Sarah Wightwick de Tunstall parochiana  
ex qua suscepit filias Saram et Annam (a cunis humatam)  
Sarah superstes nupsit Joh'em Bearcroft Gen. filium  
Johan Bearcroft de Meargreen in Com. Vigorn. Armig.  
4a Jana Jevon.  
Henricus solus e septem supradictis superstes et haeres  
e Coll. Mert. Oxon. L. L. B. et hujus Ecclesiae Sacrista  
hanc tabulam piaae patris Opt. memoriae  
pietatis ergd L. M. Q. D. D. Dedicatque  
Obijt die Jovis 29 Martij. sepult. die Satur. 31.º 1667.

Ad munificentiam et largitiones promptus.  
Hospitibus Domum suam patefaciens, et Cor magis  
In deliciis habuit  
Optime de universis promereri.  
Coeli Indigena  
Eo divitias praemittebat,  
Ut ubi Cor jam erat  
Ibi etiam Thesaurus esset.  
Tandem Immortalitate contiguus,  
E terris evadens  
Exuvias hie reliquit

Hanc Tabulam Tho, Bracegirdle  
Henrici Haeres erexit.

Here lieth the Body of M,r  
Tho' Bracegirdle and his two Wives.  
His first Wife was Mary the  
Daughter of Jnº Gibbons a .  
Mercer in this Town:  
[merged small][merged small][graphic][graphic]  
[graphic]

By whome he had Eight  
Children, viz. Five Sons & Three

Daughters.  
His second Wife was Sarah the  
Daughter of M] Jnº Gibbons,  
Sister to y\* Celebrated & Learned  
W\* Gibbons D.r of Physick  
London,

In the Year 1705 he Beautified this  
Church & Repaired y' Organ by subscripts  
Which was Demolished by ye Civil Wars.  
He departed this life Aug; 1715.—